

with Kathy's ardor, perseverance and devotion to these Vermont children.

She is profoundly deserving of being honored Social Worker of the Year, and Vermont is greatly proud of her.

A TRIBUTE TO WAYNE PHILLIPS

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Wayne R. Phillips, an extraordinarily gifted teacher of Geography, World History, Government, Economics, and International Relations at the San Mateo and Mills High Schools located in my Congressional district. During the past 32 years, Wayne Phillips has demonstrated a caring, supportive concern for each of his students and has profoundly influenced the lives of over 5,000 individuals with his extensive knowledge and wisdom, and his innovative teaching methods.

Even from the early days of his career, Wayne Phillips had a talent for creating and implementing innovative classes. For example, while at San Mateo High School, he helped to create and teach the Social Science freshman curriculum. In addition he created and taught a course titled, Government In Action, which required students to intern in different types of governmental agencies in order to acquire a first hand knowledge of the realities of public service. When he taught economics, his students participated in a San Francisco Bay Area stock market simulation. His instructions proved so successful that many students went on to win the competition. Currently, at Mills High School he created and is teaching a stimulating elective for Junior and Senior students in International Relations. In addition to his teaching duties, Wayne Phillips has served as the Social Science Department Chairman for the past 12 years, where he has helped to bring positive changes to the curriculum, teaching methods, and organization of Mills High School. For his diligent efforts, Wayne Phillips was recently selected as the San Mateo Union High School District's Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, beyond devoting countless hours in the classroom, Wayne Phillips has also selflessly dedicated himself to extra-curricular activities that have enriched the school environment, in particular working tirelessly to create an understanding of, and tolerance for the many ethnic and cultural groups on the campus. Along with other school and community leaders he helped to create a unique all day program to understand, appreciate, and celebrate cultural diversity. He was also the driving force behind the production of assemblies to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, the Chinese New Year, and the Japanese Cherry Blossom festival. Connected to the production of the Chinese New Year celebrations, students created a one hundred-foot dragon that has appeared in the San Francisco Chinese New Year's Parade for the past six years. Mr. Speaker, I had the privilege of participating in a very special event Wayne coordinated to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the United Nations' Declaration of Human Rights, and needless to say I was very

impressed with what I saw. For the last 24 years he served as the Freshman Class Advisor and assisted students with planning get-acquainted evenings, welcome dances, homecoming parades, class competition activities, holiday decorations, class elections, fund raisers and much more.

For Mr. Phillips, the classroom extends beyond the campus and he has consistently encouraged young people to participate in many types of educational opportunities. I am always delighted to see his students in Washington, DC, as part of Project Close-Up, which brings young people to Washington to see their government in action. His students also traveled to the Southern part of this country to learn first hand about the Civil Rights movement with the "Sojourn to the Past" program. As a long-time member of the World Affairs Council of Northern California, Mr. Phillips reads scholarship applications for the Council, leads "Great Decisions" student discussion groups on foreign policy issues, and chaperones students to Council meetings, special events, and the annual conference on world affairs at the Asilomar in Pacific Grove, California. Mr. Speaker, Wayne Phillips' influence spreads even to the United States House of Representatives, where we have benefited from an outstanding Congressional Page whom only became involved in the page program due to Mr. Phillips' encouragement and recommendation.

Throughout Mr. Phillips' entire career, he has been an example of the best in the teaching profession, earning the respect and admiration of students, parents, faculty, staff, administrators, and members of the community. It is not hyperbole to suggest that the teaching profession is losing one of its giants with his retirement. Every student learns from him and knows that he values them and is there for them whenever and however they need help. He truly loves his kids, and his crowded classroom during non-class time is but one expression of his students' respect and love for him. Wayne Phillips may be retiring from his formal classroom responsibilities, but to paraphrase the famous Dr. Seuss book, Oh, the Places You'll Go, he will continue to learn and share knowledge, and continue his commitment to education.

Mr. Speaker, as a former educator, I am proud to honor Wayne Phillips on his extraordinary career, to thank him for his contributions and dedication to public service, and to wish him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

HONORING 2004 RN OF THE YEAR
AWARD RECIPIENT NANCY
SCHREIBER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nancy Schreiber on the occasion of receiving the Central Valley Coalition of Nursing Organizations' 2004 RN of the Year Award for Advanced Practice. A banquet honoring her and three other award winners will be held Friday, May 7th at the Radisson Hotel in Fresno, California.

Nancy Schreiber is a skilled, experienced nurse practitioner who provides exemplary

care. She is currently a Perioperative Advanced Practice nurse at Community Medical Centers in Fresno and is an adjunct faculty member at Fresno City College. Nancy was a clinical nurse educator and neurosurgical coordinator. She holds a Master of Science degree in Nursing.

Ms. Schreiber has been a significant part of Community Medical Center's surgical services for over 17 years. She is a genuinely thoughtful person who is not only doing her job to help others, but also, trying to make an impact on their lives. She is a founding member of the Fresno/Clovis/Madera OR Educators Group. Nancy is fluent in Spanish and provides classes in Spanish for Perioperative Services Providers and has developed an English-Spanish phrase manual for use in the Perioperative areas. She is also a "hands-on" educator and has been involved in the design and implementation of the Operating Room Scrub Class.

Nancy has been involved in the process of writing two nursing standardized procedure manuals, The Nurses Pre-operative Screening of Patients by Criteria, and Assisting Endoscopic PEG Insertion. She has also contributed to nursing research in numerous projects and provided legal consultation.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nancy Schreiber for her excellence in the field of Advanced Practice. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Nancy many years of continued success.

HONORING OUTSTANDING EXAM-
PLES OF PUERTO RICO YOUTH:
MÓNICA CRISTINA MAYOL
SABATIER AND RIDGE OLIVIERI

HON. ANÍBAL ACEVEDO-VILÁ

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Mr. ACEVEDO-VILÁ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary achievements of two young constituents that have excelled with particular success in community service. Mónica Mayol and Ridge Olivieri, both of San Juan, Puerto Rico, have been selected as Honorees of the prestigious Prudential Spirit of Community Awards representing the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. This is an honor bestowed to only two students per jurisdiction, and as such is a very treasured award in our Island and in the Nation.

Mr. Speaker, Mónica Mayol is a 17-year old senior from Academia María Reina High School in San Juan. She serves as the activities coordinator at Centros Sor Isolina Ferré, one of the most renowned charity institutions in Puerto Rico. She tutors disadvantaged children and teenagers in several subjects, organizes drives to obtain food contributions, and even coordinated an awards ceremony and a Christmas party to bring happiness to those in need.

Mr. Speaker, the other student recognized by the Prudential Awards is 11-year old Ridge Olivieri, a sixth-grader at Saint John's School. Ridge is a very motivated sixth-grader who established a project to collect gently used clothing for disadvantaged children in Haiti. He felt that it was important to foster a sense of citizenship in his fellow peers, and his program got off to a very successful start with the help

of students, faculty, and sponsors such as American Airlines, who delivered the clothing to Haiti free of charge. He has followed the footsteps of a very close role model, his brother Chase, who is an eighth-grader at Saint John's, began a book recollection program and recently won the Do Something Brick Awards, a program that recognizes community service involvement in young men and women.

Mr. Speaker, I can attest to the fact that both are extraordinary students and remarkable young people. I feel very proud of representing first-rate students like Mónica and Ridge in Congress. They are members of a whole new generation of Puerto Ricans greatly concerned with their people and their country and willing to take action to improve their community. During the course of their projects, they have demonstrated superb intellectual ability and undertaken a very commendable task: service to their neighbor.

PERMANENTLY EXTENDING INCREASED STANDARD DEDUCTION, AND 15-PERCENT INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RATE BRACKET EXPANSION, FOR MARRIED TAXPAYERS FILING JOINT RETURNS

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of legislation that provides permanent relief from the marriage penalty for millions of married Americans.

Congress has debated this issue for years, but this is the first time we have really come close to getting rid of this onerous, unfair tax. Frankly, we should have done away with this tax a long time ago. It has not been for lack of trying by Republicans. In 2000, the Republican Congress sent President Clinton a bill that provided marriage penalty relief. President Clinton vetoed the bill before leaving Washington that day for a round of golf in Martha's Vineyard. Couples were left with another year of paying higher taxes simply because they were married.

In 2001 the Republican Congress sent President Bush a bill that gradually phased-in tax benefits for married couples. The 2001 Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act increased the standard deduction for married couples that filed joint returns and increased the width of the 15 percent bracket for joint filers. These provisions would be phased-in beginning in 2005. Shortly after Congress passed this legislation, President Bush signed it into law. After years of frustration, progress was finally being made on lowering the tax burden on married Americans.

Again in 2003 the Republican Congress signaled support for legislation that accelerated the tax benefits given to married couples. Instead of waiting around until 2005, under the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act, married couples would be able to receive tax benefits in 2003 and 2004. Beginning in 2005, however, the full strength of the marriage tax will again penalize taxpayers. We must not retreat from the progress we have made on eliminating the marriage tax.

Opponents of making permanent marriage penalty relief argue that the country cannot afford lowering taxes for married couples. Certainly, it is without dispute that the country is facing a federal deficit. Federal deficits are a concern and we must work immediately to erase the red ink. In my view, cutting wasteful government spending should be a top priority.

The legislation today leads us to accomplishing three main Republican priorities: permanent elimination of an unfair tax on marriage; continued economic growth through tax cuts; and deficit reduction because of a growing economy and job creation. For these important reasons, I support permanent repeal of the marriage penalty and urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF YOM
HA'SHOAH—THE HOLOCAUST RE-
MEMBRANCE DAY

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Holocaust Remembrance Day. As in years past, today we honor those who were lost to the world forever in the horrors of the Holocaust.

More than fifty years have elapsed since that dark period in human history. Since that time, Grandparents have taught their children and those children have taught their own, to remember the events that changed our world forever so as never to repeat the mistakes of our past. Year-round, we fight ignorance and disbelief through educating and informing others about the causes, realities, and legacies of the Holocaust. Today however, we set aside the day of Yom Ha'Shoah, to memorialize the tragedy and pay tribute to all who suffered.

We remember those who endured, those who fought, and those who died during World War II. We recognize not only the loss of more than six million Jewish lives, but also the loss of human potential. Entire families were lost to the world forever. We think of the descendants of victims of the Holocaust who never had the opportunity to make their contributions to mankind. And we recall the heroes who risked and surrendered their lives in the greatest fight for freedom and democracy the modern world has ever known.

Our greatest tribute to the millions who suffered at the hands of the Nazis will be to ensure that their suffering was not in vain. It is through our reflections on Holocaust Remembrance Day that we acknowledge their loss, and it is through our actions that we build a better world for us all.

With contemporary examples of hatred and terrorism all around us, we think back and marvel at the strength and character of the Jewish people. Their steadfast determination to rebuild their lives following the Holocaust has given the world a remarkable model of resolve. Through their example, we can glimpse the extraordinary human spirit that rises above the fruitlessness of anger and resentment. With this special day and with our deeds we honor that spirit.

Mr. Speaker, today we observe Holocaust Remembrance Day and call to action all peoples of the world to build a more tolerant and

loving society. I am proud to recognize Yom Ha'Shoah and urge all Americans to do the same.

HONORING 2004 RN OF THE YEAR
AWARD RECIPIENT CYNTHIA
DOLATA

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cynthia Dolata on the occasion of receiving the Central Valley Coalition of Nursing Organizations' 2004 RN of the Year Award for Outstanding Education. A banquet honoring her and three other award winners will be held on Friday, May 7th at the Radisson Hotel in Fresno, California.

Cynthia Dolata shows a strong dedication to the nursing profession. She has taught in a variety of healthcare, academic, and community settings. Cindy began her career as a staff nurse in Gynecology at Saint Agnes Medical Center in 1999. While maintaining her position in the Gynecology department she was also a clinical nursing instructor at California State University, Fresno and Fresno City College. In 2003 Cindy became a Breast Health Educator, a position she continues to serve in today.

As a Breast Health educator, Ms. Dolata meets with patients and their families prior to breast surgery and listens to their fears and anxieties while providing support. She also received grant money to purchase books for patient's family members. Her latest project was creating a video tape for women with breast cancer called, "A Patient's Journey." The video takes a patient with breast cancer on a journey from diagnosis through postsurgical follow up. She has also developed "comfort kits," a bag that includes educational materials and other items for her patients. Her lifelong achievements are reflective in her love for the profession and for the welfare of all people.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cynthia Dolata for her excellence in the field of Outstanding Education. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Cynthia many years of continued success.

CONGRATULATING LISA C. HERMAN ELLISON ON BEING NAMED ONE OF THE FINALISTS FOR THE NCEE/NASDAQ NATIONAL TEACHING AWARDS

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Lisa Herman Ellison for being nominated as one of only five national finalists in the National Council on Economic Education (NCEE) and NASDAQ National Teaching Awards. Lisa was selected from among applicants around the United States for her originality, creativity, and effectiveness in the teaching of economics.

One of the greatest educational challenges we face today is ensuring that students enter